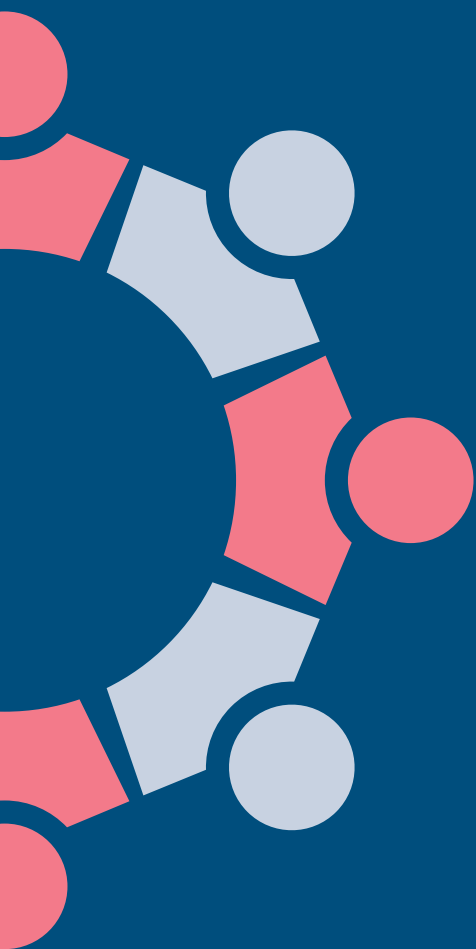




Australian Government

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Student Advisory Panel position description: Member



TEQSA

STUDENT ADVISORY PANEL

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is calling for Expressions of Interest for members of the Student Advisory Panel. This lived experience panel will provide TEQSA with advice, feedback and suggestions regarding emerging and enduring sector-wide risks to student experience and the quality of Australia's higher education sector.

Members of the panel will be paid in line with TEQSA's Community Paid Participation Policy.

Who we are

TEQSA is the national regulator of higher education in Australia, an independent agency that was established under the [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011](#) (TEQSA Act).

We protect the interests of students and the reputation and standing of Australian higher education.

Our approach to quality assurance and regulation is:

- standards-based, risk-reflective and transparent
- positioned to promote and facilitate a culture of effective self-assurance as an integral part of a provider's operations
- only intervening to the extent necessary to achieve our regulatory purpose
- based on a model of regulatory partnerships, with individual providers and the sector overall.

In addition to the TEQSA Act, we ensure higher education providers comply with:

- the [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2021](#) (Threshold Standards)
- the [Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000](#) (ESOS Act) and associated instruments (ESOS Framework).

All providers are expected to comply with the Threshold Standards to manage their higher education activities and risks. This includes for matters such as the adequacy of facilities, staffing levels, support services, and academic and corporate governance.

All providers who deliver higher education to overseas students studying in Australia, including English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) and Foundation Programs, are expected to comply with the ESOS Framework.

The Student Advisory Panel

In November 2025, TEQSA CEO Dr Mary Russell announced the formation of the Student Advisory Panel.

The Student Advisory Panel will deliver advice, feedback and suggestions to TEQSA in relation to:

- identifying emerging or enduring sector-wide risks to compliance with the Threshold Standards
- educative materials for the sector and key stakeholders that respond to enduring or emerging sector-wide risks.

The Student Advisory Panel will provide advice only and will not be involved in regulatory operations or decision making.

We're expanding the voices we already engage, beyond elected student representatives. The Student Advisory Panel will be made up of 8 to 10 students, including a co-chair, with lived experience of Australian higher education. In determining the final membership, TEQSA will balance a range of factors to support representation from different ages, genders, demographics, and communities across Australia. At least one member of the panel will be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student.

The panel will meet 4 times a year, with 2 meetings held in TEQSA's Melbourne office, and 2 meetings held remotely. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for the meetings in Melbourne.

Members will be appointed for a one-year term and invited to express interest in extending their term for a second year at the conclusion of the first year.

The role

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Members are responsible for providing advice, feedback and suggestions to support the work of TEQSA.

TEQSA will approve panel membership and any proposed changes to the membership.

Members will be appointed for a one-year term and invited to express interest in extending their term for a second year at the conclusion of the first year.

Who we are looking for

We are seeking Expressions of Interest from students who are enrolled as a student at an Australian university, university college or institute of higher education that is currently listed on the [National Register of Higher Education Providers and Courses](#).

We are seeking members of the Student Advisory Panel who have:

- an interest in upholding the quality of higher education in Australia
- the ability to reflect on and share their lived experience of higher education
- strong verbal and written communication skills
- strong skills in active listening
- developing or developed skills in transmitting knowledge, skills and ideas to others
- developing or developed skills in analysing, generating and transmitting solutions to unpredictable and sometimes complex problems.

TEQSA particularly welcomes Expressions of Interest from:

- students from regional and remote areas, or who are using a University Study Hub to undertake their studies
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- international students
- first in family students
- students with lived experience of disability, mental health and/or neurodivergence
- LGBTQI+ students
- students over the age of 21 or have returned to study after a break of 7 years or more
- part-time students.